annual statements of Accounts and proofs of qualifying membership strength by 31st January, 1935;

(b) if so, the details thereof with dates since when they had not compiled with tie provision;

(c) the details of chose who have. since submitted the document within spe:ified time;

(d) what are trie details of actions initiated against those who have not complied with the provision even by 31'st January, 1995;

(e) what are the methods of deciding veracity and authenticity claims made by service Associations in this regard; and

(f) when and from where the method ology emerged?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement containing the requisite information is annexed. *See* below).

(d) to (f) The Board of Governsrs of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan in its 58*.h Meeting held on 20-4-95 have decided to adopt the instruction- issued by Deptt. of Personnel & Training regarding recognition of Service Associations and verification of Membership of associations, in respect of the 'employees' associations of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanga-than.

Statement

Submission of membership strength aid Annual accounts statement by Sirvice Associations and of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

1. *ALL INDIA KENDRIYA VIDYA-LAY A TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS*

Submitted the membership strength-as on 28-12.93 Annual accounts statements for the year 1993-94 not submitted.

." *KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA PR1N-IPAL'S FORUM*

Submitted the membership strength and Annual Accounts Statement upto the year 1993-94.

3. *KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGA THAN STAFF ASSOCIATION:*

KVSSA has submitted the membership strength upto 11.7.1994. Annual accounts statement for the year 1993-94 not submitted.

4. *RASHTRIYA KENDRIYA V1DYA-YALAYA ADHYAPAK SANGH (J):*

The Sangh has forwarded the membership strength and Annual accounti state-ment for the year 1993-94.

5. *RASHTRIYA KENDRIYA VIDYA-YALA ADHYAPAK SANGH* (S):

Required information is still awaiimi.

6. *KEVINTSA*

Required information is still awaited.

Powers to the National Commission for women

4164. SHRI SUSHLKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT he pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention hay been drawn to the report in the 'lndiai. Express' dated 6th January, 1995, caption ed 'Inquiry into crime against women in respect of some 50 women each with a harrouring tale, let down by the police and judiciary, which ciime to the National Commission for Women; and

(b) if so, whether the National Commission for Women possesses adequate pcwers and administrative and enfoi.-p nient mechanism to impart justice to victims if not, what additional powers are proposed to be given to the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT *Of* WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWAR!,. (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission lor Women Act, 1990 adequately empowers the National Commission for Women to investigate and examine matters relating to safeguards provided for women and suggest remedies, whenever necessary, which are required to be acted up by concerned authorities. In the exercise of such powers to fulfill its functiuns specified in Section 10 of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, the Commission, during the first three years, has:

(a) reviewed several laws affecting women and recommended amendments thereto so as to suggest remedial legislative measures to overcome the shortcomings in such legislations;

(b) looked into over 800 cases ielating to atrocities, deprivation of women's rights etc and taken them up with the appropriate authorities;

(c) organised 23 workshops/semi nars/conferences on issues concerning women and published reports thereon,

(d) commissioned about 31 study pro jects on gender issues;

(e) organised public enquiries on 'women in unorganised sector' and crimes against women';

(f) set up six Expert Committees on various subject's, including social sec urity, laws and legislations, justice delivery system, custodial justice and development of tribal women to study special issues.

(g) organised consultations with lady members of Parliament and NGOs on issues concerning women.

Review of Education Policy ,

4165. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM-BHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately undertaken a review and revision, of the Education Policy according greater priority to Primary Education and privatising higher education to divert funds from higher education to primary education;

(b) if so, what decision have also since been taken in the matter; and

(c) the details of the projects to be taken in implementation thereof in the years to come?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCA-TION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c)_ The extant policy is the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 which was last reviewed and updated in 1992. Universalisation of Elementary Education has been accorded high priority in the policy. The NPE also en-visages encouragement of non-government and voluntary effort, subject to proper management.

Technology *tor* conversion of mineral

4166. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES bleas-ed to state:

(a) whether the latest technology for conversion of minerah Calcium Bentonite, to Sodium Bentonite, is available in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to seek help from other developedjad-vance countries in this regard for the benefits of Indian exportersidealers. and

(c) what other facilities Government propose to give in this field